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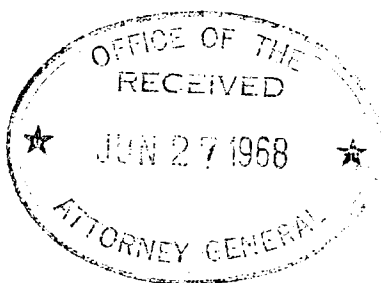
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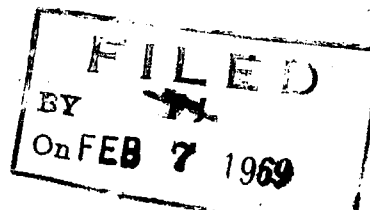
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To

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☐ Deputy Attorney General
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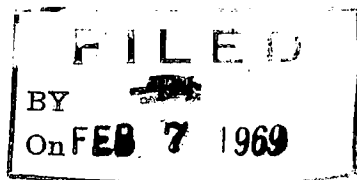
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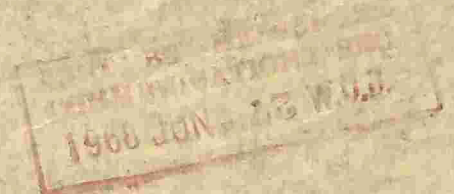
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In connection with your memorandum of June 19, 1968, relating to the Selective Service status of Saidallah and Munir Sirhan, we suggest that any further investigation into possible Selective Service violations by them should be held in abeyance until such time as we have had an opportunity to review the investigation undertaken in this matter.

cc: Records
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Mr. Lynch
Mr. Vinson
DAG Christopher



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The receptionist at the office of Russell E. Parsons, Sirhan's attorney, Los Angeles, received two telephone calls on June 20, 1968, from a person claiming to be John Lawrence of New York City. This caller said he was executive secretary of the Clemency Committee for Sirhan Sirhan and that Los Angeles criminal attorneys are "Crooks" and will take Sirhan "down the river." He also said "We are out to get Mr. Parsons" and claimed that Parsons was being paid \$150,000 to represent Sirhan. He said that there are 250,000 Arabs who are militant and who are not going to let Parsons get away with it. Parsons contacted the Los Angeles Police Department and requested protection. The police suggested that he discuss

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the matter with the presiding judge, Los Angeles County Superior Court. The presiding judge intends to hold a hearing to determine if Parsons needs protection. The United States Attorney is withholding a prosecutive opinion regarding a possible violation of the Federal Extortion Statute.

Our investigation into the assassination of Senator Kennedy is continuing.

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Miss Shelly Winters
Pasadena
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Dear Miss Winters:

The President has asked me to answer your telegram dated June 5, 1968.

BY HDS
ON JUL 1 1968

We share your concern for the safety of our democratic and political institutions, and have participated in certain aspects of the investigation of the slaying of Senator Kennedy. However, under our Federal system, the primary responsibility for murder prosecutions rests with local authorities.

Thank you again for your expression of concern.

Sincerely,

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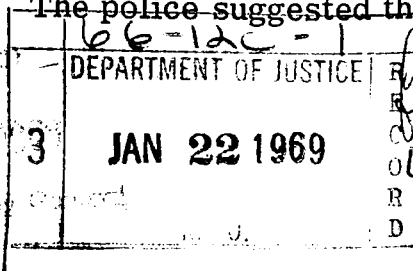
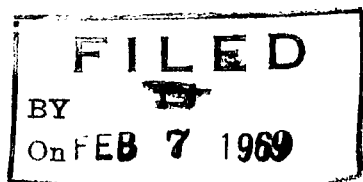
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The receptionist at the office of Russell E. Parsons, Sirhan's attorney, Los Angeles, received two telephone calls on June 20, 1968, from a person claiming to be John Lawrence of New York City. This caller said he was executive secretary of the Clemency Committee for Sirhan Sirhan and that Los Angeles criminal attorneys are "Crooks" and will take Sirhan "down the river." He also said "We are out to get Mr. Parsons" and claimed that Parsons was being paid \$150,000 to represent Sirhan. He said that there are 250,000 Arabs who are militant and who are not going to let Parsons get away with it. Parsons contacted the Los Angeles Police Department and requested protection. The police suggested that he discuss



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the matter with the presiding judge, Los Angeles County Superior Court. The presiding judge intends to hold a hearing to determine if Parsons needs protection. The United States Attorney is withholding a prosecutive opinion regarding a possible violation of the Federal Extortion Statute.

Our investigation into the assassination of Senator Kennedy is continuing.

The Attorney General

June 21, 1968

Director, FBI

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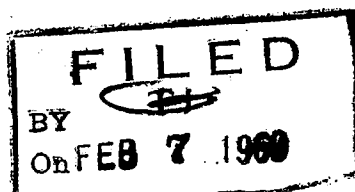
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This Bureau has received information alleging that a well-known attorney of the Department of Justice supposedly stated Senator Kennedy's assassin was inspired by a high government official.

We are endeavoring to determine the facts surrounding this purported statement and the identity of the person who made it. You will be advised of the results.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

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Memorandum

TO : The Attorney General

DATE: June 21, 1968

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

This is in reply to your communication of June 19, 1968, wherein you indicated Mr. William S. Lynch has been designated as Special Assistant to the Attorney General whose responsibility is to collect and collate information with respect to this investigation.

In the past, we have furnished copies of all pertinent memoranda and a report to Assistant Attorneys General of the Criminal and Civil Rights Divisions. Copies of this material have been furnished Mr. Lynch today and in the future, copies of all pertinent material will be delivered to Mr. Lynch as well as the Assistant Attorneys General of the Criminal and Civil Rights Divisions.

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- 1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
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Special Assistant to the Attorney General

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Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

June 21, 1968

Director, FBI

**ASSASSINATION OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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This supplements our first investigative report which was furnished you on June 17, 1968. Additional reports are being prepared and will, of course, be furnished you. In accordance with the Department's request of June 17, 1968, copies of this report are being furnished District Attorney Evelle J. Younger at Los Angeles, California, who is handling the prosecution of this case. Likewise, a copy is being furnished the United States Attorney at Los Angeles, California.

Enclosure

- ① - Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
- 1 - Mr. William S. Lynch (Enclosure)
Special Assistant to the Attorney General

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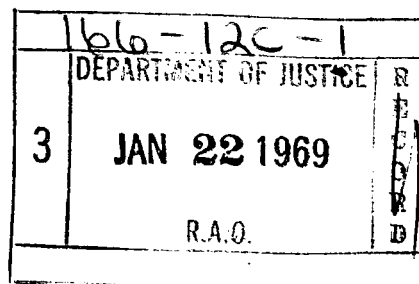
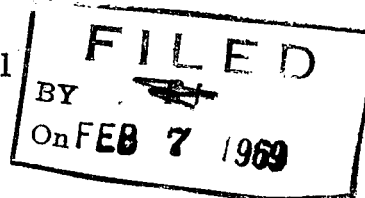
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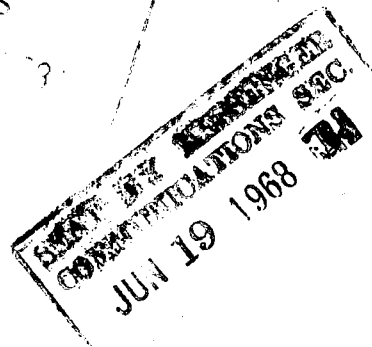
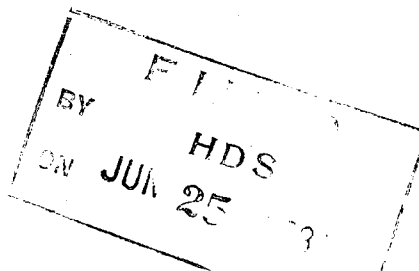
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Mr. Lynch
Mr. Ramsey Clark



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Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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BY	HDS
ON	JUL 9 1968

In connection with your memorandum of June 19, 1968, relating to the Selective Service status of Saidallah and Munir Sirhan, we suggest that any further investigation into possible Selective Service violations by them should be held in abeyance until such time as we have had an opportunity to review the investigation undertaken in this matter.

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Assistant Attorney General

DATE: June 19, 1968

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

In connection with our investigation into captioned matter, our Los Angeles, California, Office has reported that records of the Selective Service Headquarters for the State of California show no registration for Sirhan Bishara Sirhan or his brothers Saidallah and Munir Sirhan. The remaining brothers, Sharif and Adel Sirhan, are both registered with Local Board 91, Pasadena, California.

Our Los Angeles Office in noting the failure to register for the Selective Service Act on the part of Saidallah and Munir Sirhan advised that all four brothers have apparently been cooperative with the FBI and the Los Angeles Police Department in connection with the investigation into the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. They have readily furnished background information relative to the activities of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan. According to our Los Angeles Office, further inquiry into the Selective Service status of Saidallah and Munir Sirhan could possibly have an adverse effect upon what appears to be their cooperative spirit thus far.

Accordingly, the Department's advice is requested as to whether we should proceed further with these possible Selective Service violations at this time.

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July 19, 1968

Miss Doris Puumala
542 Freya Way
Pleasant Hill, California

Dear Miss Puumala:

Attorney General Clark has asked me to reply
to your recent letter.

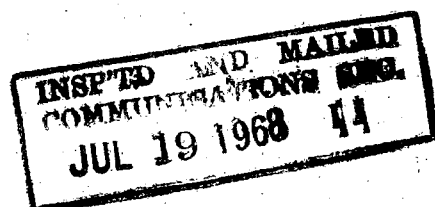
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I am sure you can appreciate that it would be
most inappropriate for the Department of Justice to comment
on a criminal case pending before a state court. You are
probably aware, however, that President Johnson recently
ordered Secret Service protection for all major presidential
candidates.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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Pleasant Hill, Calif.
June 18, 1968

Dear Mr. Clark,

This is a plea for some action to be taken by your office to prevent further assassinations of our leaders. It seems unreasonable that our law officers were on duty near Senator Kennedy at the time of his assassination. I am wondering how they are trained, as it seems they do not notice trouble and seem to be unable to protect our people. A body guard nowadays, also, just seems to be a body guard in theory but not in practice. Were there any secret service men with him? Or was he allowed to smash through these crowds completely unguarded? I also plea for a quick prosecution of Sirhan Sirhan

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before passions cool and everyone
forgets about him, so that we
Americans and the world can
see that judgment still follows
crime, and that law is actually
practiced in the United States.
Thank you.

Yours Truly.
Loris Puumala

Doris Puumala
542 Freya Way
Pleasant Hill
California 94523



Attorney General Ramsey Clark
Justice Department
Washington D.C.

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Dear Attorney General

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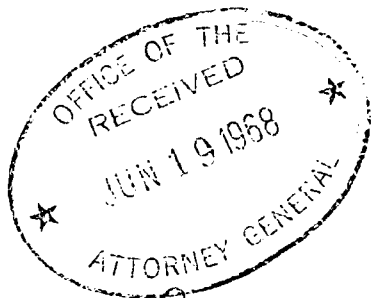
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Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington

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From
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To

June 18, 1968

- ☐ The Solicitor General
☐ Deputy Attorney General
☒ Assistant Attorney General **Stephen J. Pollak**

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- ☐ Director, Bureau of Prisons
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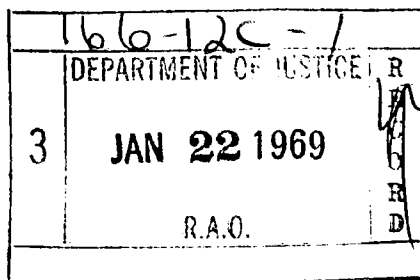
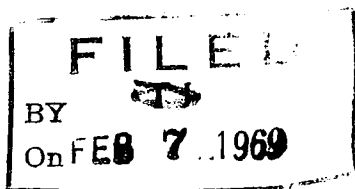
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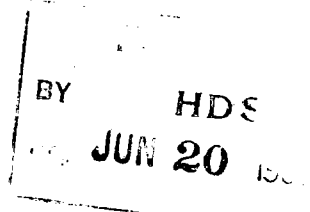
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We agree that the results of this investigation would be of assistance to Mr. Younger, and it is suggested that a copy of this report be furnished to him as soon as possible.

We note that pages 1002 et seq. of this report makes note of confidential sources as leads to the investigation conducted. The sensitive nature of this matter should be brought to the attention of District Attorney Younger at the time the report is delivered.

cc: Records
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Mr. Lynch
Mr. Vinson
DAG Christopher

Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
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A copy of this report will be furnished to the United States Attorney, Los Angeles, California.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)

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July 15, 1968

Mr. John N. Wynkoop
4217 N. E. 30th Avenue
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Wynkoop:

President Johnson has asked me to respond to your recent letter concerning the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

You may be interested in knowing that Title I of Public Law 90-284 which was enacted on April 11, 1968 provides that it is a Federal crime to intimidate or interfere with a candidate for elective office. Such action is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000, imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

I hope that this information will be of assistance.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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The President
Lyndon Baines Johnson
The White House
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My dear Mr. President:

The fatal gunning of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, should be investigated thoroughly; should be treated as a National Crime. It should be prosecuted in a FEDERAL COURT, and not in a State Court. If this type of thing continues then DUELLING must again be made legal, so that, an honorable man may at least have some defense against his suspected enemies. This is the most uncivilized way to defeat the loyal opposition and this type of violence will not be tolerated by the American citizen.

This horrible murder must be made a Federal Offense. It must be made a NATIONAL CRIME to hurt, injure, or kill, IN ANY MANNER, a political candidate or incumbent or appointee or representative of the citizens of the United States. The accused or the indicted murderer should be examined in the extreme by competent appointed or elected psychiatrists and psychologists.

This country is one of the very few left where leaders can be seen, heard and touched and may it continue to be so. I would like to see certain leaders of other nameless countries expose themselves so openly. There would perhaps be mass slaughter with no weapons involved.

I was very disappointed when you announced that you would not try again for the Presidency. You have done a tremendous job and Americans can count their lucky stars that we have such men as you. You have inspired some great legislation and I'm certain that you will see the fruits of your labor. God bless you Lyndon Johnson.

Sincerely yours,

John N. Wynkoop

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DEAR PRESIDENT JOHNSON: THERE IS A "SOCIETY" IN OAKLAND CALIF
CALLED BLACK PANTHERS. THEY DEPICT RFK AS A DEAD PIG.

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☐ The Solicitor General **June 17, 1968**
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☒ Assistant Attorney General **Stephen J. Pollak**

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Attached for you and Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak, Civil Rights Division, is one copy each of the report of Special Agent Amedee O. Richards, Jr., dated June 9, 1968, at Los Angeles, California, concerning captioned matter.

This preliminary report encompasses investigative activity through June 9, 1968. Additional reports will, of course, be prepared in this matter and will be furnished to you.

As you are aware, this Bureau, as well as the Los Angeles Police Department, has been conducting an investigation into the death of Senator Kennedy. Local prosecutive action is pending in Los Angeles, California, and is being handled by District Attorney Evelle J. Younger. It is believed that the results of our investigation would be of material assistance to Mr. Younger, and you are requested to advise if and when copies of these reports may be furnished to him.

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- ① - Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
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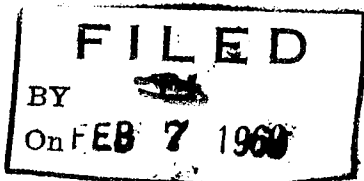
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Att: Att: Gen. Ramsey Clark

Why is that only the Kennedys' and Martin Luther Kings are getting "picked off" in this one great country of ours?

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~~Why is~~ Words cannot express the shock & disgust I feel for the brutal slaying of these courageous men. Who in the hell do you think you are kidding when you say the assassins "acted alone". It is quite evident that the same conspirators were responsible for these murders. I'll never believe otherwise. It's about time we, the God-fearing people of this country were told the truth. There is a stinking, rotten "element" in this country, the extreme right-wingers, who are so low that

that words cannot adequately describe their lowness.

I somehow have a feeling that these "rats" have gotten in so deeply and pressed their luck so far that it will not be so easy to convince the American people that these killings were the work of a single "nut".

I could go on and on about this, perhaps even write a book, but time & energy does not permit, however I'm sure you get my message.

In closing I ask "How What effect will this have on the King & Kennedy children when they grow up?" I feel certain that this country, as a whole, will eventually pay a terrible price for these atrocities.

A fed-up housewife who
prefers to remain
anonymous (and bitter.)

P.S. I might add that the supreme court is the ruination of this country, also.



Attn: Gen Ramsey Clark
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Mrs. H. Newhard
2118 Brinsmaid Place
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Newhard:

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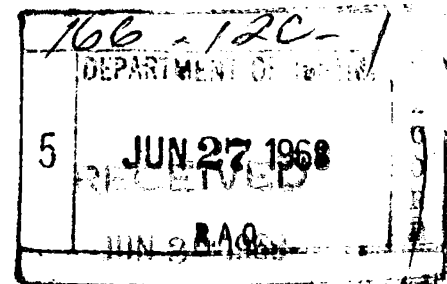
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Sincerely,

J. Walter Yeagley
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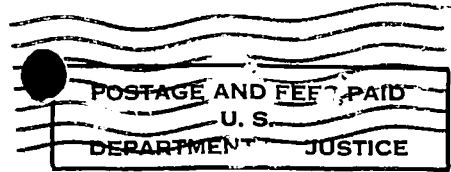


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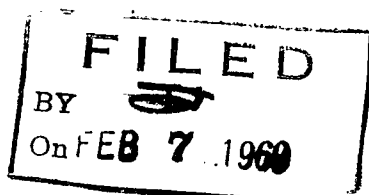
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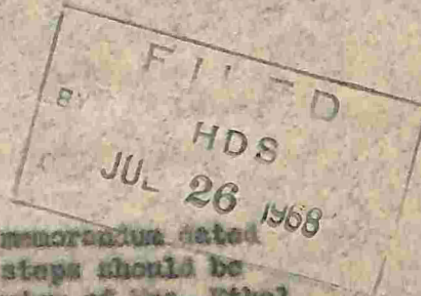
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Mr. E. Ernst Schaefer
3411 Magnart
Houston, Texas 77027

Dear Mr. Schaefer:

President Johnson has referred to this Department your correspondence dated June 13, 1968, concerning the possibility of a conspiracy in the assassination of Senator Kennedy. We apologize for the delay in responding.

Immediately following the tragic death of the late Senator, the Attorney General on June 5, 1968, made the following remark:

Every angle of this matter will be fully investigated. No resource will be spared. According to the information I have at this moment, we have no evidence of a conspiracy; only the evidence of this individual act. But every lead will be followed. No stone will be left unturned.

The rules with respect to pre-announced publicity preclude further comment, but you may be assured that all investigative aspects have been and are being fully pursued.

Sincerely,

BERNARD J. POLLAK
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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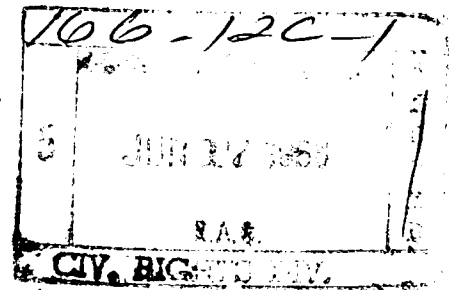
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E. ERNST SCHAEFER
3411 Marquart
Houston, Texas 77027.

June 13, 1968

The Honorable Ramsey Clark
United States Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.



My Dear Mr. Clark:

Having read in the newspapers and seen on television so much about the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, I cannot help but express some ideas of mine to you.

I wish to repeat again that my entire knowledge of this case comes only and alone from the publicity itself.

We know the following facts:

1. The assassin was born in the Jordanian held part of Jerusalem.
2. He left Jerusalem at the age of approximately 1 or 2 years.
3. He has lived in this country approximately 20 years.
4. He apparently is a member of some Arabic Student Organization.
5. He had in his pocket a piece of paper on which was written that Sen. Kennedy had to be killed before June 5.
6. He states he felt he had to kill the Senator because of his remarks that weapons and arms will have to be supplied to the State of Israel for her protection against expected Arab aggression.
7. His father, in Jerusalem, stated in one interview by a press correspondent, that he was sorry about the assassination of the Senator, and a few days later he revised his statement after "he was set straight", saying that he felt his son was justified in this act of murder. (I suspect some sort of brain-washing by the Arab Terror Organization).
8. The assassin had about \$400.00 in cash on him when he was captured, which could not have been his own money from the income of the small job he was holding at that time.

If I put all the above bits of information together, I seem to come to this conclusion:

How did the assassin know exactly which way Sen. Kennedy would leave the ballroom after his last speech? (it said in the paper that he was waiting for the Senator in the hallway of the hotel); why was Sen. Kennedy selected to be killed when each one of the hopeful candidates for the Presidency expressed about the same ideas and views, including Sen. McCarthy, V.P. Humphrey, Gov. Rockefeller and Mr. Nixon?

The Honorable Ramsey Clark, U.S. Attorney General, Washington, D.C.

How did the assassin know that Sen. Kennedy would come into this hallway?

As outlined above, the assassin was a member of an Arabic Student Organization and we have seen in this country that students in general are getting somewhat restless and young people from the Middle-East, due to their temperamental build up, even more so.

We also know for a fact that amongst the Arabian countries there is a very radical and chauvinistic organization: El-Fatah, which not only makes constant raids into Israel but also threatens everybody who does not cooperate with them, including even King Feisal of Transjordan.

I cannot help but feel that a good deal of the Arabic Student Associations in this country are under the very strong influence of this Terror Organization and have been forced to interfere directly with the inner-political affairs of our country, by selecting prominent figures for assassination. Therefore, it seems impossible to me that only ONE man was assigned to kill the Senator.

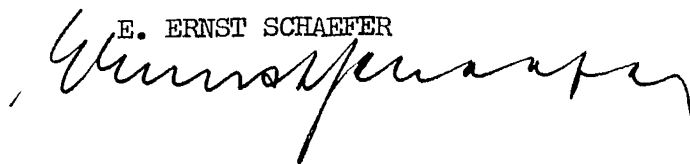
The fact that in his pocket was the slip of paper stating that Sen. Kennedy had to be killed before June 5 (the outbreak of last years Middle-East war) seems to indicate even stronger that the whole plot must have been organized in some way and I firmly believe that other persons were posted in the crowd also to shoot at the Senator had he moved to a different location.

It is quite possible that all my ideas and ways of thinking are completely wrong but I definitely believe that this avenue should be thoroughly investigated to prevent similar cases in the future that might come from the same direction.

I will appreciate very much if you would be kind enough to advise me, if I am entirely out of order or not by this my communication to you.

Very respectfully yours,

E. ERNST SCHAEFER

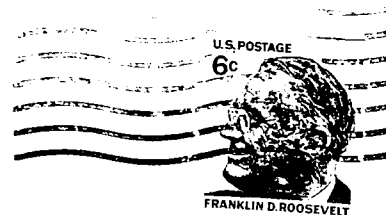


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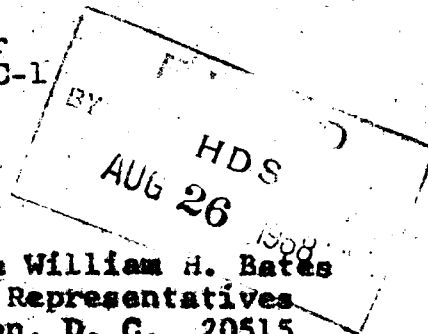
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Honorable William H. Bates
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

AUG 22 1968

Dear Congressman Bates:

This is in reply to your memorandum of June 25, 1968, enclosing a constituent's letter regarding the possibility of a conspiracy in the assassination of Senator Kennedy. I apologize for my delay in responding.

Immediately following the tragic death of the late Senator, the Attorney General on June 5, 1968 made the following remarks:

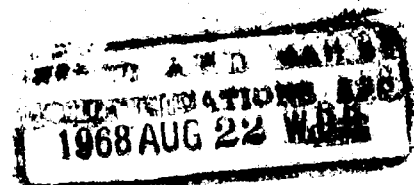
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Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. POLLAK
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

25 June 1968 196

Office of the Attorney General
Department ~~of~~ Justice
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The attached communication
is sent for your consideration.
Please investigate the statements
contained therein and forward me
the necessary information for re-
ply, ~~returning the enclosed corre-~~
~~spondence with your answer.~~

Yours truly,

Len
William H. Bates. M. C.
CIV. RIGHTS DIV.

I am enclosing a letter which I rec'd
from a constituent, Mrs. Lenora Salvucci
and I would appreciate any information
which you might be in position to give
me relative to the matters discussed
herein.

WHB/ow

June 13, 1968
Mrs. Lehora Salvucci
31 Richard Street
Lynn, Massachusetts 01901

Congressman William Bates
Cannon House Office Building
Washington D.C.

Dear Congressman Bates,

I realize that at this time, you and other congressmen must be flooded with mail, mostly pertaining to the passage of a strict gun control bill. Though this concerns me, this letter does not relate to the gun matter.

Mr. Bates, I am worried and frightened about the tragic events of the past five years and the fact that "assassination" is becoming a household word. I cannot, I will not, slip back into the workaday, business as usual routine without expressing my feelings to the person who is my link to the power structure in Washington. That person is you.

Ever since President Kennedy's death, there have been numerous books and articles written which contradicts the findings of the Warren Commission. These discrepancies, pointed out first and foremost by Mr. Mark Lane, are so poignant that it absolutely mystifies me that no one in Washington has bothered to delve into the matter further.

In the light of recent events and I am speaking primarily of the murder of Robert Kennedy, it is quite apparent that many, many people are uttering "conspiracy". With all my heart, I believe this to be so and nothing has been said or written to make me change my position.

But, Mr. Bates, I am only one person. A twenty-five year old housewife who can only grit her teeth, wave an angry fist in the air and curse the person or persons behind these murders.

Mr. Bates, I assume you do not live in a vacuum. I assume you must be aware of the tension and frustration re-created once more with Robert Kennedy's murder. Tell me, Mr. Bates, are all the other people in Washington aware of this?

I firmly believe that the basic foundation which Americans build their free lives upon is trembling as if to signal an approaching earthquake. That foundation is trust. Trust in the men who run our government from President Johnson on down. Trust that enables us to live our daily lives without worrying (until now, perhaps) that something awful is strangling the throat of Justice and is threatening

the basic tenets of the democracy which most Americans believe in so strongly.

Mr. Bates, let me ask you some questions. Perhaps, you have heard them before.

Point 1. District Attorney Jim Garrison of New Orleans claims he has evidence which would prove there was a conspiracy to kill President Kennedy.

Question. Why has the United States government imposed an injunction on this man in relation to the Clay Shaw trial? Why are they so adamant in their refusal to aid Jim Garrison?

It seems to me, Mr. Bates, that the United States government should be eager to do everything in their power to see that truth is allowed to reach the surface. Even if Mr. Garrison's claims and evidence is far-fetched (and I emphasize "if") I should think the government would want to do everything it could to disprove this evidence by allowing Garrison to lay his cards on the table in a court of law.

Isn't there anyone in Washington who can help this come about? I think it would put the minds of many people at ease. This way, the speculation becomes increasingly dangerous. It includes the claim that there are people in our government who were and are involved in this awful thing.

Because no one in power seems to be doing anything about this, it seems like, 1. There is a stranglehold on the people in power imposed by someone, or, 2. The people in Washington don't want "to rock the boat".

Point 2. It seems there are two men; one in California and one in Texas in whom Mr. Garrison is most interested. But neither Governor of those states will sign extradition papers.

Question Assuming that the government intended to assist Mr. Garrison, isn't there some way they could overrule the heads of those states?

The thing that puzzles me is why Governor Connolly won't aid any way he can since he himself was almost a victim on November 22, 1963. (More speculation on my part. Or was Governor Connolly intended to be a victim at all?)

Do you see, Mr. Bates, how dangerous this wave of uncertainty can become?

I ask you again. Isn't there anyone in Washington who is willing to break all the barriers and fully investigate the two Kennedy murders?

Point 3. Invaluable information pertaining to the murder of President Kennedy has been locked away somewhere and cannot be revealed until the year 2039, 75 years from now. I can assure you that in my own circle of friends, this is a "real bugaboo".

Question. Who, in 75 years, will care as much as we the people who are living now? More to the point, what, in 75 years, will anyone be able to do about it?

This is a haunting mystery. If there was anyone in power who cared enough for the truth, this material would be de-classified. And what would it prove, Mr. Bates? Would it prove, perhaps, how far away from the facts the Warren Commission strayed to reach its conclusions?

I think Americans want to know for sure, and to their full satisfaction what the truth is behind these murders. I seriously doubt that many people are either sure or satisfied with the results of that Commission. Not when so much is pointed out which contradicts it. Not when so little is done to fully investigate every possible angle and that includes assisting and co-operating with the district attorney from New Orleans.

Mr. Bates, on the basis of what I have said, I firmly believe that the same people behind the murder of President Kennedy also conspired to do away with his brother. I believe that those conspirators were afraid that if Robert Kennedy became president, he would then be in a position to either publicly or privately investigate every facet of his brother's death. I believe that someone or some persons fed poison into the mind of Sirhan Sirhan about Kennedy's stand on our commitment to Israel. Eugene McCarthy also stressed our commitment to Israel as have other politicians. But Robert Kennedy was singled out. One reason for Sirhan to kill Kennedy and one reason for someone else to have Kennedy killed.

Mr. Bates, all I am is a concerned and worried citizen. There is nothing I want more than to believe in the integrity and honesty of my government but in the past five years there have been serious accusations made against it by dissenters of the Warren Commission.

I think it has cast a dark shadow over the entire country. I think the only way to lift this shadow is for someone or some people to aid Mr. Garrison. If his claims are indeed valid, it will only mean that the American people will finally have the satisfaction of seeing evil men punished. The government owes this to the American people. We put the men there who make up our government. We are not their slaves and this is not 1980, the year of Big Brother!

If Mr. Garrison's claims are nonsense and are found to be so, in a court of law, then only Mr. Garrison will ~~be~~ look the part of a fool.

Until Mark Lane's telling questions are explained and answered to the satisfaction of all and until the evidence of Jim Garrison is presented and either proved or disproved in a court of law beyond a shadow of a doubt, then I am afraid, Mr. Bates, that we are in for more bloodshed. I cannot see how this can be avoided. If there is, in fact, a conspiracy, Mr. Bates, will there have to be another assassination to prove it? There will be other men who will represent everything the Kennedys stood for. Are "they" going to kill them all? Can't we find out now, for certain, in a court of law?

I find it hard to believe that out of all the men who make up the power structure in Washington, there is not one who disagrees with the findings of the Warren Commission. I find it hard to believe that there is not one man in power who will dig and dig for the truth about these murders and present this truth to Americans and to the world. Do you know of such a one, Mr. Bates, who would be willing to go all out?

The truth, no matter how shattering it may be, is always ultimately accepted. It becomes easy to live with truth once it is accepted but first it must be known, for certain. However, it is very difficult to live with uncertainty and wonder and speculation. Living under these conditions makes people tense, uneasy and frustrated. It makes them speculate wildly and perhaps dangerously. It shakes their trust. Nobody likes to be deceived.

Mr. Bates, almost five years have passed since President Kennedy's death and still and more vehemently the contradictions of the conclusions of that death still persist and now, with the death of his brother, I believe more and more people are completely dissatisfied with what has been done to offset those contradictions. Namely nothing. "Conspiracy" is being tossed around more and more and who can blame anyone for being suspicious?

Mr. Bates, I implore you, as an American citizen and as a man in power, if there is anything, anything you can do to allay the fears and worries of many people concerning the Kennedy murders, please do it. If there are people in Washington or anywhere else that you know have the power to fully investigate these two murders honestly and with the objective of bringing the whole truth to light, I beg you to intervene.

I say the murders of John and Robert Kennedy are linked. I say the same forces behind the first murder were behind the last. And, I say desperately, that too much time has already passed by.

Obviously, there are many, many contradictions to the Warren Report which I have not stated. It took many books to do that and you probably know them all. I don't know if you do or not.

Mr. Bates, Mark Lane made a statement on, Tuesday June 4, that Robert Kennedy had in some way been in touch with the office of Jim Garrison. According to Mr. Lane, Mr. Kennedy also believed his brother's death to be the work of conspirators. Six hours after Mark Lane made this public, Robert Kennedy was shot.

This is what prompts me to believe that his death was the result of someone being afraid that he might re-investigate the findings of the Warren Commission or perhaps in some way help Jim Garrison which, in turn, would result in the truth. These are thoughts which run through my head and which I can't get rid of. I doubt that I'm the only one. It just isn't fair to leave a whole nation in doubt.

Please, Mr. Bates, for the security and well-being of the American people, let us search and seize the truth in every hidden nook and cranny. Let us do everything we can to re-instate in the American people a feeling of trust and confidence in our government. For without this trust and confidence, Mr. Bates, there cannot be security and nothing lasts long that is not secured tightly. I am convinced that a complete and honest re-assessment of the first Kennedy murder and the recent one, would help instill this in the American people.

After this letter, Mr. Bates, there is little else I can do. You are in a far better position than I. Now what can you do?

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lenora Salvucci

Mrs. Lenora Salvucci
31 Richard Street
Lynn, Massachusetts 01905

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

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William W. Bates

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The Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

For
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
To

June 13, 1968

- ☐ The Solicitor General
- ☒ Deputy Attorney General
- ☐ Assistant Attorney General
- ☐ Director, Bureau of Prisons
- ☐ The Pardon Attorney
- ☐ Chairman, Parole Board
- ☐ Assistant Attorney General for Administration
- ☐ Immigration and Naturalization Service
- ☐ Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs
- ☐ Office of Alien Property
- ☐ Chief - Accounts Branch
- ☐ Chief - Administrative Services Office
- ☐ Chief of Personnel
- ☐ General Litigation Section, Civil Division
- ☐ Records Administration Office
- Att.: ☐ Antitrust Div. ☐ Civil Div. ☐ Civil Rights Div.
☐ Criminal Div. ☐ Internal Security Div.
☐ Inter-Division Information Unit

- ☐ A. No further action will be taken in this case in the absence of a specific request from you.
- ☐ B. Please advise what further investigation, if any, is desired in this matter.
- ☐ C. For your information, I am enclosing a communication regarding the holder of a diplomatic or international organization visa.
- ☒ D. For your information.
- ☐ E. Please note change in caption of this case.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc: ☒ Attorney General ☐ Deputy Attorney General
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ASSASSINATION OF
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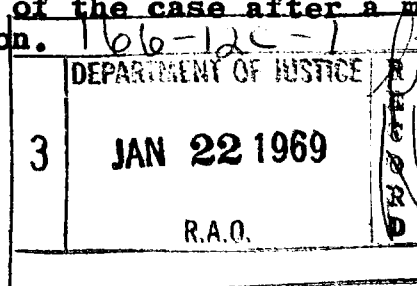
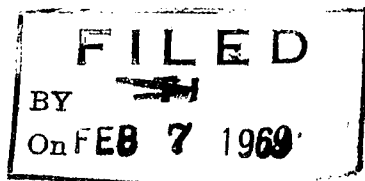
Deputy Attorney General

Interviews with witnesses into the shooting of Senator Robert F. Kennedy continue, as well as interviews with associates and former employers of the accused assailant Sirhan Bishara Sirhan. Approximately 207 employees of the Ambassador Hotel have been interviewed to date.

Roosevelt Grier, professional football player who was present at Senator Kennedy's speech in the Ambassador Hotel at Los Angeles, California, during the night of June 4, 1968, related to FBI Agents how he, with the assistance of hotel employees and Rafer Johnson, Olympic champion, disarmed Sirhan after the shooting. Another individual, Louis Shelby, a restaurant owner where Adel Sirhan had been employed, described the assailant as an extremely frustrated individual and one who was convinced the United States was involved in the furtherance of Zionist goals.

Chief Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles County, Lynn Compton, has advised our Los Angeles Office that a review of investigation conducted by the investigative staff of the District Attorney's office and the Los Angeles Police Department fails to indicate that there is any evidence to support Sirhan was associated with anyone else or conspired with any other person in the assassination of Senator Kennedy.

With respect to the prosecution of Sirhan, it has been reported that Mr. Wilbur Littlefield, Chief Trial Deputy in the Office of the Public Defender, has been named to represent Sirhan. The news media indicates Sirhan reportedly desires two private attorneys to defend him but alleged he has stated he could not afford to retain private counsel. Littlefield was placed in charge of the case after a meeting of the Los Angeles Bar Association.



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OCT 14 1968

Mrs. Vera Raymond
4540 Pennsylvania
Apartment 301
Kansas City, Missouri 64111

Dear Mrs. Raymond:

President Johnson has referred to this Department your correspondence of June 6, 1968, enclosing a check for \$2.00 for the defense of Sirhan Sirhan. I apologize for my delay in responding.

I am sure you can understand that it is not possible for President Johnson personally to answer all the correspondence he receives. The President wants you to know, however, that he appreciates your taking the time to write him about your views.

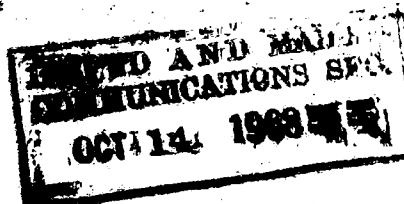
The rules with respect to pre-trial publicity preclude further comment, but you may be sure that all investigative aspects have been and are being fully pursued.

Since neither the White House nor this Department has facilities with which to dispose of the check, I am returning it to you herewith.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. POLLAK 2 1968
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 12, 1968

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appropriate reply.

Whitney Shoemaker

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to
the President

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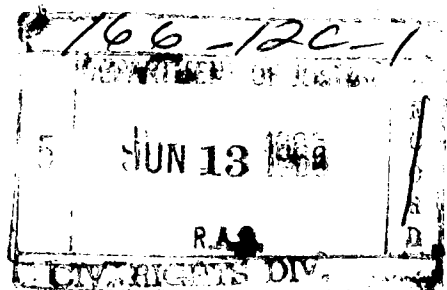
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Whitney Shoemaker

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to
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June 6, 1968.

The President of the
United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20000

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Dear Mr. President:

You will find enclosed
my check for \$200 (Two and
no one hundredths Dollars). This
money is being sent to be
directed to the attorney who
will help defend the man who
shot Kennedy. While we cannot
condone the act, we must have
some help for the people of
these United States.

This money may seem
an insignificant sum to you
but to me it represents money
from a life's savings. I have
just been rated "ineligible" for
government service in the US

I.

Civil Service Commission in the
St. Louis region; I have been
denied 2 of my children for 6
years even though they were given
to me along with adequate
money for their support and
allowance for my livelihood in
judgment rendered in Androscoggin
County, Maine. I have not had
my children — I have
not received the other provisions
of the judgment.

We Americans must
show mercy. We Americans
must help fellow Americans.

Very truly yours,

Wm Raymond
4540 Pennsylvania
N.C., Mo. 64111

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P.S. My sincere sympathy to all the
Kennedys I know. The Lord will help them

from the Lord of Taxation. W.R.

Mrs Vera Raymond
4540 Pennsylvania
Apt 301
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The President of the
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The White House
Washington, D.C. 20000
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2. SWEDE INDICATED HE HAD NO REASON BELIEVE THIS PREMATURE REPORT HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH SUBSEQUENT TRAGEDY BUT WORTH MENTIONING TO US AUTHORITIES. IF REPORT OF ANY INTEREST HE CAN BE CONTACTED IN LOS ANGELES AFTER HIS RETURN ABOUT JUNE 20. ADDRESS GIVEN AT 1631 CAMDEN AVENUE, LOS ANGELES 90025, TELEPHONE 4771989. ALTERNATIVELY MAY BE REACHED AT PARENTS' HOME 12751 MARLBORO STREET, LOS ANGELES, 90049, TELEPHONE 4720972.

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With respect to a previous statement attributed to Mayor Samuel W. Yorty, Los Angeles, California, as reported by the news media on June 6, 1968, alleging Sirhan was associated with the W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America, and a vehicle registered to Sirhan's brother, Adel, was observed on January 16, 1966, in the vicinity of Baces Hall, 1528 North Vermont, Los Angeles, California, where a meeting sponsored by that organization was being held, information has been developed indicating Adel Sirhan had previously been employed as a musician at the Fez Restaurant, 1508 North Vermont, adjacent to Baces Hall. Full details are being developed with respect to this phase of our investigation.

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Interviews are continuing with those individuals who were in or near the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel during the evening of June 4-5, 1968. Several have

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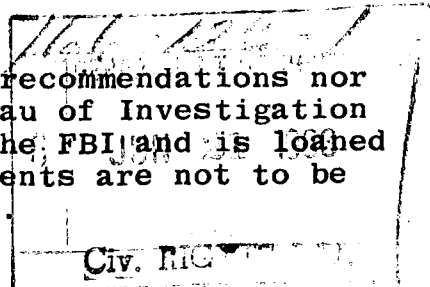
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stated that the assassinations of Senator Kennedy
and Dr. King were each the work of one man. He
has stated that there is no evidence in either case
of the involvement of more than one man.

This is still true.

Sincerely,

Cliff Sessions
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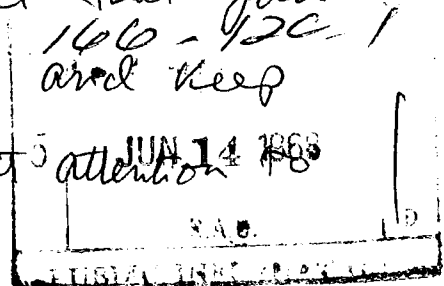
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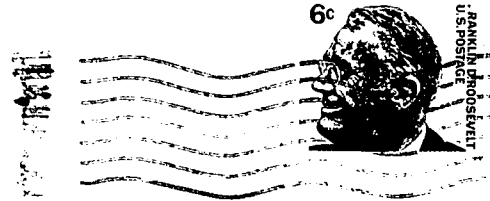
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you know? Your batting average is .000 -
I thought you'd have learned after M.L. King's
assassination to keep quite. (Overwhelming opinion
and evidence says it was a conspiracy.)
The prediction of "early apprehension" of King's
assassin (in spite of your personal charge of
the efforts) was two months premature - and
it was Scotland Yard's fine efforts - not yours
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make a mockery of such a high office. Once
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step down from this job - and keep
quiet until then. Your prompt attention to
this suggestion is warranted

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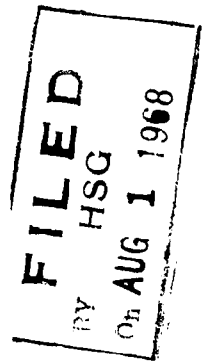
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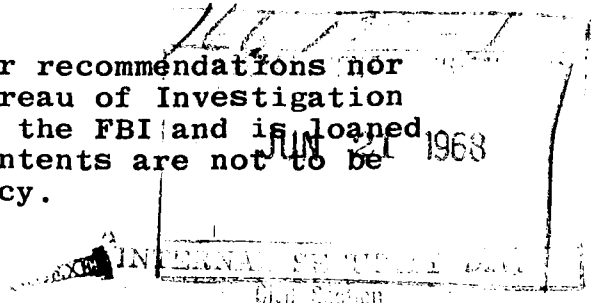
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A source advised that when Carmichael was elected Chairman of SNCC, the organization embarked on a program of eliminating Caucasians from its ranks. With the election of H. Rap Brown as Chairman in 1967, it embarked on a worldwide struggle for human rights and to take a firm stand against violations of these rights by the American Government and to strengthen its programs of opposition to the draft and to the United States involvement in Vietnam.

Literature distributed in February, 1968, identifies SNCC as an organization in the revolutionary vanguard. It advocates that to be successful it is necessary to develop a revolutionary ideology and revolutionary program.

On August 13, 1967, while addressing a group in the Watts area of Los Angeles, California, H. Rap Brown said "You better shape up America, or we'll burn you down." Later in February, 1968, in a publicized note Brown wrote, "America, if it takes my death to organize my people to revolt against you and to organize your jails to revolt against you and to organize your children, your God, your poor, your country, and to organize mankind to rejoice in your destruction and ruin, then here's my life."

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Mr. Stephen Myosky
2408 Tiffin Avenue
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Sandusky, Ohio

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Dear Mr. Myosky:

President Johnson has asked me to reply to your letter of June 12, 1968 and to assure you that the views expressed therein have been duly noted.

As I am sure you can appreciate, Federal law has only a remote relationship to the divorce question. The determination of governmental policy in this area is a matter primarily within the jurisdiction of the several states. It is accordingly suggested that you may wish to make your views known to your state legislative representatives.

Your concern in writing to the President is appreciated.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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DEAR SIR,

The enclosed news item has prompted me to write this letter.

I'VE HEARD THE PERSON WHO SHOT SEN. ROBERT KENNEDY WAS A PRODUCT OF THE DIVORCE COURTS.

ACTS OF VIOLENCE - MEN IN DIVORCE ACTION - LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO.

① MAN SHOTS WIFE ONLY INJURED AVON LAKE O

② MAN SHOTS WIFE'S LOVER IN BED -

SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO - NOW IN OHIO PENN.

③ MAN CUTS SELF, DIES - LEAVING WIFE

AND 5 CHILDREN - REASON - UNREASONABLE SUPPORT

④ - MAN SITS ON BRIDGE - CLEVELAND OHIO -

COMES DOWN - REASON - WIFE FILING DIVORCE ACTION - FROM AVON OHIO - LORAIN COUNTY.

THESE ARE ONLY A FEW ACTS OF VIOLENCE WHICH OCCURE DUE TO DIVORCE ACTION IN LORAIN COUNTY OHIO.

BY NOW YOU GUESSED IT I'M INVOLVED IN A DIVORCE ACTION -

II.

TRUE facts AND figures-

THOUSANDS of PERSONS FROM NEW YORK, PENNSYLVANIA - COME INTO OHIO FOR THEIR DIVORCE - REASON THEIR STATE WILL NOT GRANT THEM ONE.

OHIO DIVORCE LAWS TOO EASY - THE LAWYERS HAVE A SWEET BUCKET GOING. ONLY 1 IN 20 WILL ATTEMPT TO PREVENT A DIVORCE - REASON - IF? A COUPLE GOES BACK TOGETHER THEY ONLY GET A SMALL FEE, IN READING SOME OF OHIO DIVORCE LAWS THE COURTS MAKE A SPECIAL POINT THAT THE LAWYERS ARE PAID, REGARDLESS OF THE MAN'S ABILITY TO PAY.

Judge Webber - LORAIN COUNTY - DOMESTIC RELATION COURTS - HAS HIS OWN SET OF RULES - NO COURT HEARING WILL BE SET UNLESS THERE IS AN AGREEMENT, SO A MAN HAS NO CHANCE FOR A TRIAL. A DIVORCE DECREE IS ALWAYS WRITTEN BEFORE

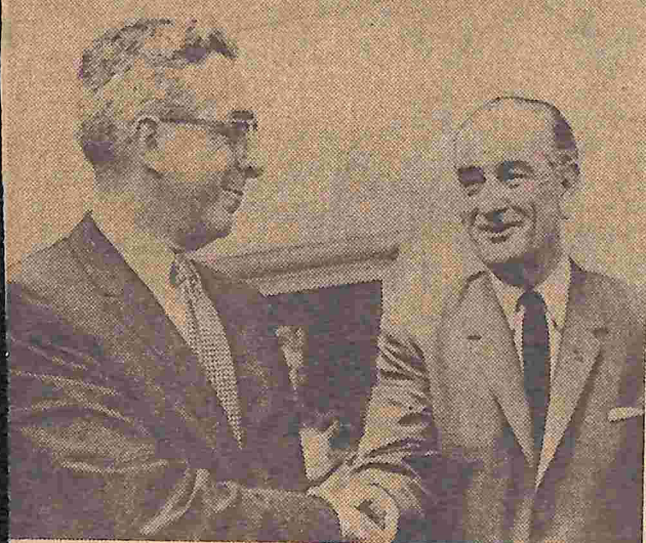
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The hearing - All he does is listen to the wife's side - AND SIGN the PAPERS AND the divorce is GRANTED. A MAN IN OHIO - POSSIBLE OTHER STATES HAS NO RIGHTS - A dog HAS MORE LAWS PROTECTING it THAN A MAN INVOLVED IN A DIVORCE ACTION.

ACCORDING to VARIOUS NEWS ITEMS everyone is CONCERNED with the ALARMING divorce RATE, but NO ONE ATTEMPTS to PREVENT ONE.

Why ARE LAWS PASSED AND INVESTIGATED ONLY when A PROMINENT PERSON is INVOLVED? GOING BACK quite A few YEARS, "Lindberg Kidnap Act" - STRONG LAWS PASSED to TRY AND PREVENT this type of VIOLENCE.

A Complete federal INVESTIGATION Should be MADE into Ohio's Sweet Divorce RACKET.
THANK YOU Stephen Myosky - 2408 Tiffin Ave.
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PRESIDENT JOHNSON talks with Dr. Milton Eisenhower, top, chairman of the commission, while at bottom, he chats with Lloyd Cutler, a Washington attorney, who was appointed executive director of the commission. (UPI Telephoto)

The JOURNAL LORAIN OHIO **Find Violence Cause, New Commission Told**

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The pressing questions have been posed.

Now comes the difficult part: Determining whether there is "something in the environment of American society" that produces violence.

That in essence was the assignment President Johnson handed yesterday to his new 10 - member National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence.

AT A WHITE HOUSE meeting with the members, the President signed an executive order giving the panel its official title, providing it with money and a staff, and giving it a year to report back on its findings and suggested remedies.

Johnson announced creation of the commission last Wednesday after the shooting of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in Los Angeles. While that act was not mentioned at the meeting, the President's clear mandate was to determine whether there are basic flaws in the American way of life which give rise to such political murder.

Flanked at either end of the Cabinet room by bronze busts of two assassinated presidents, John F. Kenne-

dy and Abraham Lincoln, Johnson urged the members to make a "penetrating search" that will benefit not only America but other countries at a time when violence is an "international phenomenon."

BEGINNING WITH Chairman Milton S. Eisenhower, president emeritus of Johns Hopkins University and brother of former President Eisenhower, Johnson went around the table extracting from each member promises to go to work immediately without prejudging the issues.

Johnson suggested the commission explore, among other things, these questions:

—"Is there something in the environment of American society or the structure of our institutions that causes disrespect for the law, contempt for the rights of others and incidents on violence? If there is, how can we correct it?

—"Has permissiveness toward extreme behavior in our society encouraged an increase in violence?

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To The President of the U.S.
L. B. Johnson.
Washington. D. C.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
To

June 12, 1968

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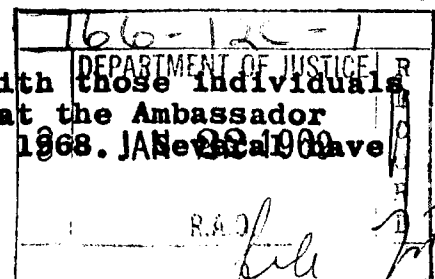
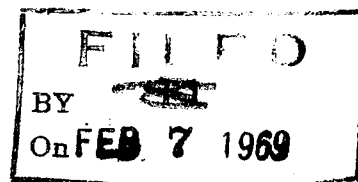
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SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Investigation is continuing in order to develop full background information concerning Sirhan Bishara Sirhan as well as that of members of his immediate family and associates.

With respect to a previous statement attributed to Mayor Samuel W. Yorty, Los Angeles, California, as reported by the news media on June 6, 1968, alleging Sirhan was associated with the W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America, and a vehicle registered to Sirhan's brother, Adel, was observed on January 16, 1966, in the vicinity of Baces Hall, 1528 North Vermont, Los Angeles, California, where a meeting sponsored by that organization was being held, information has been developed indicating Adel Sirhan had previously been employed as a musician at the Fez Restaurant, 1508 North Vermont, adjacent to Baces Hall. Full details are being developed with respect to this phase of our investigation.

On June 9, 1968, a United Press International release datelined Cairo made reference to the arrest of one Soliman Sirhan by Iraqi authorities as an Israeli spy alleging he was a brother of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan. Sirhan's mother, during an intensive interview by FBI Agents on June 10, 1968, volunteered she had heard this newscast and stated she has only five sons, Sirhan, Munir, Sharif, Adel and Saidallah, none of whom are living outside the United States. The individual to whom the United Press International referred was unknown to her.

Interviews are continuing with those individuals who were in or near the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel during the evening of June 4-5, 1968. *Several have*



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been located who were witnesses to the shooting of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and who positively identify Sirhan Bishara Sirhan as the individual who fired the shots at Senator Kennedy. This phase of our investigation is being exhaustively pursued.

According to information furnished by ambulance attendant Max Alma Behrmann, after responding to the call at the Ambassador Hotel, a distraught Mrs. Kennedy attempted to keep him from assisting the Senator stating "Keep your hands off him, I'm Mrs. Kennedy." As the Senator was placed in an ambulance, an argument ensued between Behrmann and Mrs. Kennedy as to who would accompany the ambulance and again, according to Behrmann, when he questioned Mrs. Kennedy while en route to the hospital as to what had transpired, she stated "I don't give a damn what you say," grabbed his record book and threw it out of the ambulance. Upon noting the Senator was having difficulty breathing and thereafter trying to assist him, Behrmann was told by Mrs. Kennedy "You keep your dirty filthy hands off my husband," and she struck him on the right side of his face stunning him. He further recalls Mrs. Kennedy called to a male associate who was sitting in the front seat to "Come back here and throw this ambulance man out; he's bothering me; he's asking too many questions."

It was further reported by a witness at the hospital that upon arrival there Mrs. Kennedy grabbed a camera from a newsman, knocking it to the floor, and she also swung at the newsman hitting him in the chest area. Senator Kennedy's bodyguard then jumped over the stretcher and punched the newsman in the face.

Of possible significance is the fact that among items found on Sirhan's person when taken into custody was a newspaper article by David Lawrence captioned "Paradoxical Bob" and highlighting the fact that while Kennedy vigorously opposes the war in Vietnam, he has nevertheless recommended full assistance to Israel "with arms if necessary" to meet the threat of the Soviets.

In addition, whereas press reports claim Rafer Johnson, Olympic champion, and Roosevelt Grier, professional football player, subdued the assailant, investigation reveals the first to reach the assailant were two hotel employees. They then were assisted by Grier and Johnson.

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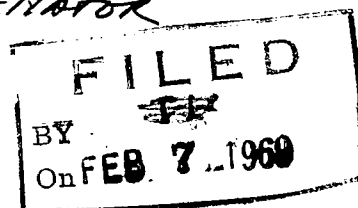
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SUMMARY RE FEMALE IN POLKA DOT DRESS

SANDRA SERRANO, AGE TWENTY, INTERVIEWED BY SANDOR
VANOCUR, NBC NEWS, APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE-HALF HOURS AFTER
KENNEDY SHOOTING. AUDIO TAPE OBTAINED. DURING TV INTERVIEW
SERRANO CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN WOMAN AND MAN COMING DOWN STAIRS
SHORTLY AFTER SHOOTING AND THE WOMAN SAID, "WE SHOT HIM - WE
SHOT HIM." SERRANO CLAIMED SHE ASKED "SHOT WHO?" AND WOMAN
SAID "SENATOR-KENNEDY". SERRANO CLAIMED WOMAN WORE WHITE
DRESS WITH BLACK POLKA DOTS.

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SERRANO SUBSEQUENTLY CLAIMED TO BE SITTING ON FIRE ESCAPE
STEPS OUTSIDE AMBASSADOR BALLROOM. AMBASSADOR HOTEL HAS A NUMBER
OF BALLROOMS AND BANQUET ROOMS, EACH OF WHICH HAS DIFFERENT
NAME AND LOCATION IN HOTEL. EMBASSY BALLROOM, WHERE KENNEDY APPEARED,
IS ON SECOND FLOOR IN RELATION TO FRONT ENTRANCE OF HOTEL.

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DIRECTLY BELOW THAT BALLROOM ON FIRST FLOOR IS AMBASSADOR BALLROOM. VICTIMS WERE SHOT IN KITCHEN AREA LOCATED ON NORTH SIDE DIRECTLY OFF EMBASSY BALLROOM. SERRANO CLAIMS SHE WAS SITTING OUTSIDE OF BUILDING ON FIRE ESCAPE STEPS LOCATED ON FLOOR BELOW ON SOUTH SIDE OF AMBASSADOR BALLROOM. AT TIME OF SHOOTING ABOUT ELEVEN HUNDRED PERSONS WERE IN EMBASSY BALLROOM AND APPROXIMATELY SIXTEEN HUNDRED IN AMBASSADOR ROOM. IN ADDITION A BAND WAS PLAYING IN AMBASSADOR ROOM AND TV SETS WERE STATIONED THROUGHOUT AMBASSADOR ROOM TO ENABLE KENNEDY SUPPORTERS TO VIEW HIS VICTORY SPEECH IN EMBASSY ROOM ABOVE.

SERRANO CLAIMED SHE SAT ON STEPS APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN THIRTY PM AND FEW MOMENTS LATER, TWO MEN AND A WOMAN WALKED UP STEPS PAST HER TO EMBASSY BALLROOM. SERRANO'S OPINION WAS THAT THESE PEOPLE WERE POSSIBLY TOGETHER SINCE WOMAN SAID "EXCUSE US" AND THEY WALKED PAST HER IN GROUP. SERRANO STATED SHE DID NOT KNOW IF ONE MAN AND WOMAN WERE TOGETHER AND THE ADDITIONAL MAN MERELY WALKED IN WITH THEM COINCIDENTALLY OR IF ALL THREE WERE TOGETHER. ACCORDING TO SERRANO, APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES LATER, SHE HEARD WHAT SHE THOUGHT TO BE SIX CAR BACKFIRES OR SHOTS. ACCORDING TO AUDIO TAPE OF TV INTERVIEW WITH VANCOUR, NBC NEWS, SERRANO MADE NO MENTION OF

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EITHER HEARING CAR BACKFIRES OR SHOTS JUST PRIOR TO THE WOMAN COMING DOWN THE STAIRS.

ABOUT THIRTY SECONDS AFTER BACKFIRES OR SHOTS SAID WOMAN AND ONE OF THE MEN RAN DOWN OUTSIDE FIRE ESCAPE STAIRS PAST HER. SERRANO CLAIMS DOES NOT KNOW WHERE THEY WENT OR IN WHAT DIRECTION. SHE IS UNABLE TO SHED LIGHT AS TO WHETHER THEY RAN TOWARD PARKING LOT, BACK INTO HOTEL AT ANOTHER ENTRANCE, OR IF THEY RAN TO ATTEMPT TO CONTACT POLICE DEPARTMENT OR CALL AN AMBULANCE. WOMAN YELLED IN PASSING AS SET OUT ABOVE. SERRANO INSISTS WOMAN USED WORD "WE" RATHER THAN WORDS "HE" OR "THEY". ALTHOUGH INSISTING WORD WAS "WE" SHE STATES "WE" COULD HAVE MEANT WE AS A GROUP, OR WE AS SOCIETY IN GENERAL. SERRANO CLAIMS NOT TO HAVE SEEN DIRECTION WOMAN AND MAN RAN AFTER PASSING HER SINCE SHE LOOKED BACK UP STEPS, SAW NOTHING, AND THEN WALKED BACK INTO HALLWAY AREA OF AMBASSADOR BALLROOM. JUST INSIDE, SHE ASKED UNIFORMED GUARD IF IT WAS TRUE THAT SENATOR KENNEDY HAD BEEN SHOT. ACCORDING TO SERRANO, GUARD ACCUSED HER OF HAVING TOO MUCH TO DRINK, ALTHOUGH SHE CLAIMS TO HAVE HAD ONLY ONE DRINK. SHE THEN ASKED A GROUP OF FIVE OR SIX PEOPLE IF IT WAS TRUE. SHE HEARD ONLY A COUPLE OF COMMENTS FROM THE GROUP, ONE BEING "YOU'RE CRAZY" AND THE OTHER BEING

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THE EXPRESSION "OH MY GOD."

FOURTEEN AMBASSADOR SECURITY GUARDS INTERVIEWED TO DATE, AND NO GUARD LOCATED WHO RECALLS THIS INCIDENT OR ASSIGNED DOORS TO THESE STAIRS. ONE ADDITIONAL GUARD WHO HAS BEEN UNAVAILABLE TO DATE IS BEING LOCATED FOR INTERVIEW.

AFTER SPEAKING TO ABOVE GROUP, SERRANO CLAIMS SHE LOCATED PUBLIC TELEPHONE TO CALL PARENTS IN OHIO, TO TELL THEM OF SHOOTING. SHE ESTIMATED CALL MADE APPROXIMATELY TWELVE FIFTEEN AM (PDT). CANNOT RECALL IF SHE PAID FOR CALL OR IT WAS COLLECT DUE TO FACT SHE WAS EXTREMELY UPSET AND EMOTIONALLY DISTRAUGHT. SERRANO WAS ASKED WHY SHE MADE LONG DISTANCE CALL TO PARENTS WHEN FACT THAT SENATOR KENNEDY HAD BEEN SHOT WAS NOT CONFIRMED BY HER. SHE EXPLAINED THAT BASED ON EXPRESSION ON FACE OF WOMAN SHE SAW, SHE WAS CONVINCED THAT IT HAD HAPPENED. SERRANO ADMITS TO NEAR COMPLETE HYSTERIA AT TIME AND UNABLE TO ADEQUATELY EXPRESS WHAT SHE THOUGHT SHE HAD SEEN. PACIFIC TELEPHONE COMPANY RECORDS REFLECT COLLECT TELEPHONE CALL MADE AT TWELVE THIRTY-SEVEN AM FROM PUBLIC PHONE AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL TO LORAIN, OHIO, SERRANO'S PARENTS' PHONE.

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MANUEL AND AMPARIO SERRANO, LORAIN, OHIO, PARENTS OF SANDRA SERRANO, ADVISED SHE TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THEM AT APPROXIMATELY SIX PM (EDT) JUNE FOUR LAST TO CONGRATULATE HER BROTHER UPON HIS GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL. SHE CALLED AGAIN AT TEN THIRTY PM (EDT) STATING SHE WAS AT KENNEDY CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS AND KENNEDY WAS GOING TO WIN CALIFORNIA PRIMARY ELECTION. SANDRA THEN CALLED MOTHER COLLECT APPROXIMATELY THREE THIRTY AM (EDT) (TWELVE THIRTY PDT) JUNE FIVE LAST AND, ACCORDING TO MOTHER, WAS HYSTERICAL. SANDRA TOLD MOTHER SENATOR KENNEDY HAD BEEN SHOT, BUT DID NOT KNOW WHETHER KENNEDY WAS DEAD AND STATED HE HAD BEEN SHOT AFTER HIS SPEECH. MOTHER SAID SANDRA WAS HYSTERICAL DURING ENTIRE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION AND UNABLE TO RECALL SANDRA MENTIONING ANYTHING ABOUT OBSERVING ANYONE CONNECTED WITH SHOOTING. MOTHER CLAIMED SANDRA KEPT REPEATING, "WHY WOULD THEY DO ANYTHING LIKE THIS. HE WAS SUCH A GOOD MAN." SANDRA ASKED TO SPEAK TO HER FATHER, BUT HE DECLINED SINCE HE WAS TOO UPSET AFTER HEARING OF SHOOTING. SANDRA AGAIN CALLED MOTHER APPROXIMATELY EIGHT AM (EDT) JUNE FIVE LAST, AND AT THIS TIME ACCORDING TO MOTHER STATED SHE HAD BEEN ON "TERRACE" AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL PRIOR TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S SPEECH AND HAD SEEN TWO MEN AND A WOMAN AND DESCRIBED THE MEN

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AS MEXICAN-AMERICAN AND THE GIRL AS WHITE. AFTER SHOOTING, SHE TOLD MOTHER SHE OBSERVED ONE OF THE MEN AND THE SAME GIRL RUNNING PAST HER DOWN OUTSIDE FIRE ESCAPE STAIRS. ACCORDING TO MOTHER, SHE DID NOT ELABORATE FURTHER NOR DID SHE FURTHER DESCRIBE THESE INDIVIDUALS. PARENTS DESCRIBED SANDRA AS "GOOD GIRL WHO DOES NOT SMOKE OR DRINK, LEVEL HEADED AND MENTALLY AND EMOTIONALLY MATURE." SHE GRADUATED FROM LORAIN HIGH SCHOOL MAINTAINING C PLUS AVERAGE. SHE WENT TO LIVE WITH AUNT AND UNCLE IN ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA, IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY, SIXTY-SEVEN AND EMPLOYED BY INSURANCE COMPANY IN LOS ANGELES.

ON JUNE SEVEN LAST, SERRANO TAKEN TO AMBASSADOR HOTEL TO REENACT INCIDENT DESCRIBED BY HER. SHE LOCATED OUTSIDE FIRE STAIRS SHE CLAIMS TO HAVE SAT ON. THESE ARE METAL FIRE STAIRS RUNNING ALONG SOUTH SIDE OF BUILDING AND ONE FLOOR BELOW EMBASSY BALLROOM. MIDDLE PART OF THE STAIRS HAVE FIRE DOORS LEADING INTO THE AMBASSADOR BALLROOM AND TOP OF THE STAIRS LEAD TO FIRE DOORS ENTERING EMBASSY BALLROOM WHERE KENNEDY GAVE SPEECH. BOTTOM OF THE STEPS LEAD TO SERVICE PARKING AREA.

PERTINENT TV FILM COVERAGE MADE AVAILABLE TO SERRANO. SHE OBSERVED NO ONE SHE FELT RESEMBLED MEN OR WOMAN SHE SAW ON STAIRWAY.

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SERRANO DESCRIBED WOMAN AS WHITE FEMALE, TWENTY-THREE TO TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, FIVE FEET SIX INCHES, MEDIUM BUILD, ONE TWENTY-FIVE POUNDS, DARK BROWN HAIR, EAR LENGTH (BOUFFANT STYLE), WORE WHITE VOILE DRESS WITH QUARTER-INCH BLACK POLKA DOTS ABOUT ONE AND ONE-HALF INCHES APART. SHE WORE BLACK SHOES, NO PURSE, DID NOT WEAR GLASSES AND CARRIED NOTHING IN HER HANDS. SERRANO CLAIMED THIS WOMAN HAD A "FUNNY NOSE" WHICH SHE DESCRIBED AS THE "BOB HOPE" TYPE AND FELT SHE COULD IDENTIFY HER AGAIN. SHE DESCRIBED MALE INDIVIDUAL SHE SAW GOING UP AND DOWN STAIRS AS WHITE MALE (LATIN EXTRACTION), FIVE FEET FIVE INCHES, TWENTY-ONE TO TWENTY-THREE YEARS, OLIVE COMPLEXION, BLACK HAIR, LONG AND STRAIGHT HANGING OVER HIS FOREHEAD AND NEEDING A HAIRCUT. HE WORE DARK PANTS, LIGHT SHIFT AND GOLD OR YELLOW CARDIGAN TYPE SWEATER. NO GLASSES AND HAD NOTHING IN HIS HANDS. SHE WAS NOT SURE IF SHE COULD IDENTIFY THIS MAN AGAIN. SERRANO DESCRIBED OTHER MALE, WHOM SHE SAW ONLY GO UP THE STAIRS, AS A WHITE MALE (MEXICAN-AMERICAN) ABOUT TWENTY-THREE YEARS, FIVE FEET THREE INCHES, CURLY, BUSHY HAIR, WEARING LIGHT COLORED CLOTHES. SHE SAID AFTER SEEING PICTURE OF SIRHAN IN NEWSPAPERS AND POLICE DEPARTMENT PHOTOGRAPHS JUNE SIX LAST SHE FELT CERTAIN SIRHAN WAS IDENTICAL TO THIS PERSON.

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VINCENT DE PIERRO, WHO WAS NEXT TO SENATOR KENNEDY WHEN KENNEDY SHOT, CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN A WOMAN IN WHITE POLKA DOT DRESS STANDING NEXT TO SIRHAN IN KITCHEN AREA BEFORE SIRHAN SHOT KENNEDY.

SIX POLKA DOT DRESSES SIMILAR TO EACH OTHER OBTAINED AND PLACED WITH POLKA DOT DRESS OBTAINED FROM FRIEND OF SANDRA SERRANO WHICH SERRANO BELIEVES SIMILAR TO ONE OBSERVED AT HOTEL. SERRANO SAID POLKA DOT DRESS WORN BY THE WOMAN SHE SAW AT HOTEL WAS "JUST LIKE" DRESS HER FRIEND HAD EXCEPT HER FRIEND'S DRESS WAS SLEEVELESS AND THE DRESS WORN BY THE WOMAN SHE SAW HAD THREE-QUARTER LENGTH SLEEVES. THESE SEVEN DRESSES WERE HUNG IN A ROW AND SEPARATE VIDEO TAPE RECORDINGS MADE OF DE PIERRO AND SERRANO AS EACH PICKED OUT TYPE POLKA DOT DRESS OBSERVED BY THEM AT HOTEL AND EXPLAINED WHY OTHER DRESSES DID NOT FIT. DE PIERRO AND SERRANO VIEWED THE DRESSES SEPARATELY AND WERE UNAWARE OF WHICH DRESS THE OTHER HAD SELECTED. VIDEO TAPE RECORDING ARRANGED BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY JOHN HOWARD, WHO WILL BE PROSECUTING SIRHAN SIRHAN. DE PIERRO WAS VERY DEFINITE IN PICKING OUT POLKA DOT DRESS THAT WAS SLEEVELESS, HAD LOW CUT NECK, LARGE POLKA DOTS, WHEREAS SERRANO WAS DEFINITE IN PICKING OUT THREE-QUARTER LENGTH SLEEVES,

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HIGH TOP NECK LINE AND SMALL POLKA DOTS. DUE TO COMPLETE CONTRAST AND DEFINITE VIEWS OF EACH WITNESS, HOWARD STATED HE IS CONVINCED THAT WOMAN SERRANO CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN ON THE STAIRWAY WAS DEFINITELY NOT SAME WOMAN DE PIERRO CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN NEXT TO SIRHAN BEFORE SHOOTING. WM. GARDNER, DIRECTOR OF SECURITY, AMBASSADOR HOTEL, WHO WAS PRESENT IN EMBASSY ROOM AND AMBASSADOR ROOM NIGHT OF SHOOTING, ADVISES AT LEAST THIRTY FEMALES WERE IN CROWD WEARING WHITE DRESS WITH BLACK POLKA DOTS. FOR INFO BUREAU, HOWARD NOTED IT WOULD HAVE BEEN PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR WOMAN ALLEGEDLY SEEN NEXT TO SIRHAN IN KITCHEN AREA BY DE PIERRO TO CROSS CROWDED BALLROOM AND EXIT DOOR WHERE SERRANO CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN IN THIRTY SECONDS. IT IS NOTED SERRANO CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN MAN AND WOMAN IN POLKA DOT DRESS THIRTY SECONDS AFTER HEARING WHAT SHE BELIEVED TO BE SHOTS OR CAR BACKFIRES.

SERRANO TAKEN TO LOCATION IN KITCHEN AREA OF EMBASSY BALLROOM WHERE SHOOTING OCCURRED. SHE WAS SHOWN STAGE ON WHICH SENATOR KENNEDY GAVE SPEECH AND IT WAS EXPLAINED TO HER BY DA HOWARD AND BUAGENT THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN HUNDRED PEOPLE IN EMBASSY BALLROOM PLUS NUMEROUS PIECES OF TV EQUIPMENT.

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(THE LEGAL CAPACITY FOR THIS ROOM IS SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY PEOPLE)
SERRANO WALKED FROM STAGE ACROSS EMBASSY BALLROOM TO FIRE EXIT
AND TO STEPS SHE CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN SITTING ON WHICH IS ONE
FLOOR BELOW. THIS DISTANCE IS APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY
FEET FROM WHERE SHOOTING OCCURRED. WHILE ON STAGE WHERE KENNEDY
SPOKE, SERRANO ACCUSED HOWARD AND BUAGENT OF LYING TO HER AND INSISTED
THIS WAS NOT WHERE SENATOR KENNEDY GAVE HIS SPEECH. SHE CONTENDED
HE MUST HAVE BEEN ON A DIFFERENT FLOOR OF HOTEL. SERRANO,
DURING SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEW BY BUAGENTS AND DISTRICT ATTORNEYS,
WAS ASKED IF SHE STILL CLAIMED SHE HAD HEARD GUN SHOTS AFTER
SEEING LOCATION WHERE SENATOR KENNEDY WAS SHOT IN RELATION TO
WHERE SHE CLAIMED TO BE SITTING. SERRANO STATED SHE HAS NEVER
HEARD A GUN SHOT IN HER LIFE AND CLAIMED SHE HAD PREVIOUSLY
SAID SHE THOUGHT IT WAS SIX BACK FIFES AND NOT SURE IF THEY
WERE GUN SHOTS. SHE WAS ASKED WHY SHE HAD NOT TOLD HER PARENTS
IN HER TELEPHONE CALL AT TWELVE THIRTY SEVEN AM THAT SHE THOUGHT
SHE HAD SEEN SOMEONE SHE BELIEVED TO BE CONNECTED WITH THE SHOOTING.
IT WAS POINTED OUT TO HER SHE CLAIMED TO HAVE CALLED PRIOR TO
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VERIFYING THAT SENATOR KENNEDY HAD BEEN SHOT. SERRANO SAID SHE WAS UNABLE TO TALK TO FATHER AND SHE HAS ALWAYS HAD DIFFICULTY COMMUNICATING WITH HER MOTHER. THEREFORE, FACT SHE THOUGHT SHE HAD SEEN SOMEONE CONNECTED WITH SHOOTING WAS NOT MENTIONED. SHE WAS ASKED WHY IN HER INTERVIEW WITH VANCOUR SHE DID NOT SAY ANYTHING ABOUT SEEING THIS WOMAN AND TWO MEN GOING UP THE STAIRS AND ONLY TOLD ABOUT THE WOMAN AND MAN COMING BACK DOWN. IT WAS POINTED OUT TO HER THE FACT SHE CLAIMED ONE OF THE MEN GOING UP STAIRS WAS SIRHAN WAS OF SIGNIFICANCE. AT THIS POINT, SERRANO BECAME VERY EMOTIONAL, CLAIMED SHE COULD NOT EXPLAIN WHY, AND ACCUSED THOSE CONDUCTING INTERVIEW OF LYING TO HER AND TRYING TO TRICK HER. HOWARD THEN ASKED SERRANO IF SHE WOULD TAKE POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION IN EFFORT TO VERIFY WHAT SHE HAD SEEN. SHE INDICATED SHE WOULD, AND WAS THEN ASKED BY HOWARD TO RE ENACT INCIDENT SO IT MIGHT BE VIDEO TAPED TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDING ON ANYONES PART AS TO WHAT SHE CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN. SERRANO AGREED BUT PRIOR TO MAKING VIDEO TAPE SHE INSISTED ON HAVING SOMEONE PRESENT NOT CONNECTED WITH CASE.

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SEVERAL HOTEL EMPLOYEES WERE ARRANGED FOR BY HOWARD AND REFUSED BY SERRANO FOR NO EXPLAINABLE REASON. FINALLY, TWO EMPLOYEES FROM KITCHEN WERE ACCEPTABLE TO SERRANO TO WITNESS TAPED INTERVIEW. SERRANO CLAIMED TO BE TOO UPSET TO TAKE POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION AND EFFORTS BEING MADE THIS DATE BY HOWARD TO HAVE SUCH A TEST ADMINISTERED BY LAPD.

ALL AVAILABLE PHOTOS TAKEN FROM ALL SOURCES HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO SERRANO FOR POSSIBLE IDENTIFICATION OF PERSON SHE ALLEGEDLY SAW ON THE BACK STEPS. SHE HAS NOT IDENTIFIED THE PHOTO OF THIS PERSON IN ANY OF THESE PHOTOS. LIEUTENANT CHARLES HUGHES, RAMPART STATION, LAPD, ADVISED IN HIS OPINION, BASED ON THE DISTANCE SHE WAS FROM THE SHOOTING AND IN VIEW OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE AND UNUSUALLY HIGH NOISE LEVEL, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR SERRANO TO HAVE HEARD ANY SHOTS.

LAPD ISSUED APB RE WOMAN IN POLKA DOT DRESS IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY SUCH A WOMAN REPORTEDLY SEEN BY SERRANO. PUBLIC APPEALS HAVE BEEN MADE THROUGH VARIOUS NEWS MEDIA FOR THE PERTINENT WOMAN TO CONTACT THE LAPD. TO DATE LAPD REPORTS ONLY THREE HAVE COME FORWARD AND ALL THREE PUBLICITY SEEKERS AND NOT CONNECTED IN ANY WAY.

INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CONTINUES.

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157-2195

Chicago, Illinois
June 12, 1968

ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR
ROBERT F. KENNEDY

ROBERT SMITH

On June 9, 1968, Detective Dale Buehler, Area One Homicide, Chicago Police Department, advised that on Saturday, June 8, 1968, at approximately 10:00 AM, two male Negroes, subsequently identified as Robert Smith, also known as Yaree Ameer, and his half-brother Michael Walton, entered Supreme Grocery Store, 343 East 51st Street, Chicago, and without any warning shot the owner of the store who was bent over arranging a display in the store. Three witnesses observed Smith and Walton enter the store, approach the owner, and without uttering a sound fire two shots from a .38 caliber revolver, striking the head of Abder Rayyan, described as a male Arab, age 51, alien from Jordan, who has been in the United States for five years. He died fifteen minutes later. Detective Buehler further advised that an Aaron Meyers is being held as a material witness, inasmuch as he drove the car which carried Smith and Walton both to and away from the scene of the murder.

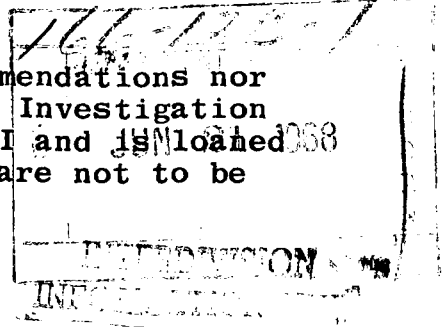
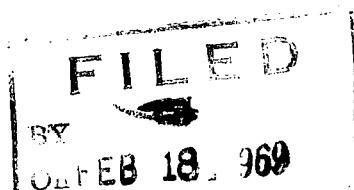
A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 21, 1967, that Smith, using the alias of Yaree Ameer, is the acting director of the Chicago Branch of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

A characterization of SNCC is attached hereto. Sources utilized in this characterization have furnished reliable information in the past.

According to the arrest records of the Chicago Police Department, Smith has been arrested a number of times for burglary, aggravated battery, robbery and purse snatching, inciting a riot and rape.

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ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR
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On June 10, 1968, local Chicago radio stations, in reporting of the killing of Abder Rayyan, of Jordanian nationality, indicated that the motive for the killing might be one of revenge or a demonstration of emotion by the Negro assailants over the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy by the Jordanian Arab national. One newscast stated that Aaron Lee Meyers, mentioned above as being held as a material witness, has been charged with murder and two other male Negroes were being sought.

On June 10, 1968, Detective Dale Buehler, Area One Homicide, Chicago Police Department, advised Aaron Lee Meyers had not been charged with murder but was being held as a material witness. He further stated that warrants have been issued for both Robert Smith and his half-brother, Michael Walton, charging them with murder.

On June 11, 1968, Sergeant John Mc Mahon, Area One Homicide, Chicago Police Department, advised that the whereabouts of Smith and Walton are unknown at this time and intensive investigation is being conducted to locate these persons.

On June 12, 1968, Sergeant Mc Mahon advised that Smith and Walton are still being sought for the murder of the grocery store owner. Furthermore, a warrant has been issued on June 12, 1968, for Sally Miller, described as a female Negro, who also was reportedly in the vehicle which carried Smith and Walton to and away from the scene of the crime.

ROBERT SMITH AND MICHAEL WALTON SHOULD BE CONSIDERED
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

One copy each of the above information is being furnished the following agencies:

United States Attorney
Chicago, Illinois

United States Secret Service
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group
Evanston, Illinois

STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Literature distributed by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), headquartered at 360-362 Nelson Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, describes itself as not being a membership organization, but rather an agency attempting to stimulate and foster the growth of local protest movements. SNCC was born out of the sit-in movement which erupted across the South beginning on February 1, 1960. A conference at Raleigh, North Carolina, that Spring, brought together many of the demonstrating Southern students in a loose network of militant youth which was officially named SNCC in October, 1960.

A source has advised that in May, 1966, Stokely Carmichael was elected National Chairman by the Central Committee. In May, 1967 Carmichael was replaced as Chairman by H. Rap Brown, with Carmichael assuming the position of Recruiter and Organizer for the SNCC. In August, 1967, at the invitation of Fidel Castro, Carmichael participated in the Organization of Latin American Solidarity Conference which was held in Havana, Cuba. Subsequent thereto, Carmichael traveled to Hanoi and other sections of North Vietnam. He returned to the United States in December, 1967, at which time his passport was picked up because of travel to unauthorized countries.

A source advised that when Carmichael was elected Chairman of SNCC, the organization embarked on a program of eliminating Caucasians from its ranks. With the election of H. Rap Brown as Chairman in 1967, it embarked on a worldwide struggle for human rights and to take a firm stand against violations of these rights by the American Government and to strengthen its programs of opposition to the draft and to the United States involvement in Vietnam.

Literature distributed in February, 1968, identifies SNCC as an organization in the revolutionary vanguard. It advocates that to be successful it is necessary to develop a revolutionary ideology and revolutionary program.

On August 13, 1967, while addressing a group in the Watts area of Los Angeles, California, H. Rap Brown said "You better shape up America, or we'll burn you down." Later in February, 1968, in a publicized note Brown wrote, "America, if it takes my death to organize my people to revolt against you and to organize your jails to revolt against you and to organize your children, your God, your poor, your country, and to organize mankind to rejoice in your destruction and ruin, then here's my life."

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ROBERT SMITH, RM-SNCC.

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REACTION TO ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. RM.

DETECTIVE DALE BUEHLER, AREA ONE, HOMICIDE,
CHICAGO PD ADVISED JUNE TWELFTH LAST THAT MURDER WARRANT HAS BEEN IS-
SUED FOR SALLY B. MILLER IN CONNECTION WITH KILLING OF ABDER RAYYAN,
ARAB ALIEN FROM JORDAN IN U.S. FOR PAST FIVE YEARS, MURDERED IN HIS
GROCERY STORE ON JUNE EIGHT LAST.

WARRANTS WERE PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR ROBERT SMITH, KNOWN AS
YAREE AMER, AND HALF - BROTHER MICHAEL WALTON. WITNESSES OBSERVED SMITH
AND WALTON ENTERING GROCERY STORE OF ABDER RAYYAN AND FIRING TWO SHOTS
FROM A THIRTYEIGHT CALIBER REVOLVER STRIKING RAYYAN IN HEAD.

SALLY B. MILLER HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A PASSENGER IN VEHICLE
CARRYING SMITH AND WALTON TO AND FROM SCENE OF KILLING.

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RESIDENCE OF MILLER, FOUR NINE TWO NINE SOUTH PARK AVENUE, WAS SEARCHED BY CHICAGO PD YESTERDAY. RECOVERED DURING SEARCH WAS GROUP PHOTOGRAPH CONTAINING PICTURES OF SMITH AND STOKELY CARMICHAEL AMONG OTHERS. ALSO RECOVERED WERE TWO M - ONE RIFLES BEARING SERIAL NUMBERS TWO SIX ZERO ZERO FOUR FOUR FIVE AND ONE ONE EIGHT TWO TWO NINE THREE. WEAPONS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS BEING STOLEN IN THEFT FROM TILDEN VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, FOUR SEVEN FOUR SEVEN SOUTH UNION STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, ON FEBRUARY TWO NINE, LAST.

ACCORDING TO AN INFORMANT OF CHICAGO PD, WHO IS RELATIVE OF MILLER, SMITH RECEIVED PAYMENT FOR ABOVE KILLING FROM UNKNOWN SOURCE. SUBSEQUENT TO KILLING, SMITH, WALTON

AND MILLER PURCHASED NEW CLOTHING AND RETURNED TO MILLER'S RESIDENCE WHERE THEY GATHERED ADDITIONAL BELONGINGS. THEY

SUBSEQUENTLY DISAPPEARED WITHOUT LEAVING INFORMATION CONCERNING FUTURE DESTINATION.

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MOTHER AND SISTER OF SMITH AND WALTON, INTERVIEWED BY CHICAGO PD INSTANT, ADVISED THAT SMITH WOULD PROBABLY GO TO EITHER WASHINGTON, D.C., OR MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. NO ADDRESS IN EITHER CITY WAS GIVEN, NOR REASONS FOR TRAVELLING TO THESE CITIES INDICATED. THE FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF SMITH, WALTON AND MILLER:

SMITH, DOB , *DATE OF BIRTH* , *Place of Birth* POB NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, MALE NEGRO, FIVE FOOT NINE INCHES TALL, ONE FOUR FIVE POUNDS, BROWN EYES, BLACK KINKY HAIR. PII

WALTON, DOB , POB CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, MALE NEGRO, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE FORTY FIVE POUNDS, BROWN EYES, HAIR, NATURAL STYLE, BLACK. PII

MILLER, DOB , POB CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FEMALE NEGRO, FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES, ONE THREE FIVE POUNDS, HAIR NATURAL STYLE, ATTIRE USUALLY DRESSES AFRO-TYPE DRESS, DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS, EIGHT MONTHS PREGNANT. PII

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CHICAGO SOURCES HAVE ADVISED ROBERT SMITH IS LEADER
OF YOUNG BLACK MILITANTS AND FORMERLY CLOSELY ASSOCIATED
WITH ROBERT BROWN, MIDWESTERN REGION DIRECTOR, SNCC. *Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee*

ROBERT SMITH AND MICHAEL WALTON SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED
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June 19, 1968 *6/14/68*

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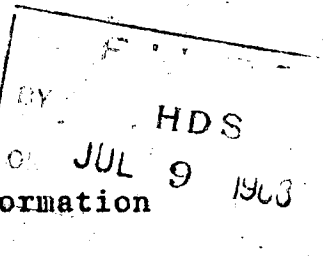
Dear Mr. Gray:

The Attorney General has asked me to thank you
for sending copies of your poems.

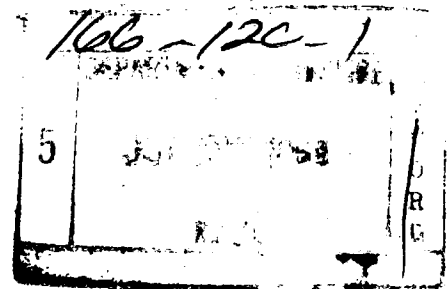
It was thoughtful of you to send them.

Sincerely,

Cliff Sessions
Director of Public Information



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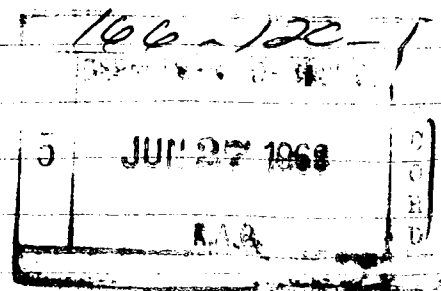
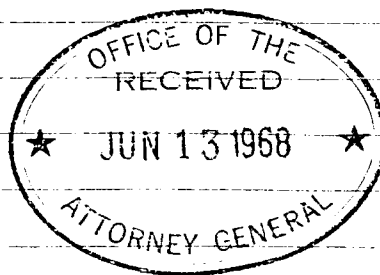


6/11/68
Dear Mr. Clark: I take great Pride in
Sending you a Copy in tribute of the late
Senator Robert F. Kennedy, and this is my
first try in writing Poetry.

Sincerely,

MR. Rex Gray

P. S. And also one in Tribute of the late
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Senator Robert Kennedy's Bitter End

JUNE 6, 1968

JUST TWO MONTHS AGO AND ONE DAY PLUS
ANOTHER ASSASSINATION WAS SHOWN TO US
THE TOWN OF LOS ANGELES WAS THE SITE
BOB CAMPAIGNING SO BRAVE WITH ALL HIS MIGHT.

HE CAMPAIGNED FOR ALL LIKE AN INNOCENT SPARROW
NEVER KNOWING HIS LIFE'S PATH COULD BE SO NARROW
HE HAD JUST SPOKE SOLID TO A VICTORY THROG
YOU AND I KNOWING HE HAD DONE NO WRONG.

WITH HIS AIDE AT HIS SIDE WALKING DOWN THE HALL
JUST TO MAKE AN EASY EXIT AWAY FROM IT ALL
AS KENNEDY AND HIS AIDE WERE HAVING A FEW WORDS
THEN OUT OF THE CROWD, PISTOL SHOTS WERE HEARD.

PEOPLE CAME RUNNING FROM UP AND BELOW
AND FOUND BOB KENNEDY ON THE HOTEL FLOOR
THEY RUSHED HIM OVER TO LOS ANGELES SICK BAY
WITH SIRENS JUST ELASTING ALL THE WAY.

TO TRY TO SAVE HIS LIFE ON THIS VERY DATE
THE DOCTORS THOUGHT IT BEST TO OPERATE
AS LIFE FOR BOB GREW DIMMER AND DIMMER
OUR HOPES SEEM TO BECOME SLIMMER AND SLIMMER.

THEN LIKE A BOLT OF LIGHTENING OUT OF THE GLOOM
AT ONE FORTY-FOUR DEATH CREEPT INTO HIS ROOM
IT HAPPENS EACH TIME WITHOUT A DOUBT
WHenever A GOOD MAN TRIES TO HELP US OUT
SO AMERICA HERE WE ARE AGAIN ALL IN TEARS
LET'S STOP PUBLIC FIGURE KILLING IN THE COMING YEARS.

Composed by REX GRAY

Dr. King Born A King

IT WAS WAY DOWN IN ATLANTA GA.
ONE COLD SUNNY JANUARY DAY
BLESSED BY GOD WITH ALL REALIZATION
BORN A BLACK KING TO INSPIRE A GREAT NATION.

HE TRAVELED FOR YOU — HE TRAVELED FOR ME
PREACHING WITH LOVE FOR US TO BE FREE
HE SPOKE SO PLAIN WITH NEVER A SMIRK
STRESSING AND EXPRESSING THAT VIOLENCE WON'T WORK.

HE MARCHED IN THE FIELDS AND OVER THE STREETS
BUT WHEREVER HE MARCHED THERE WAS NO RETREAT
TO PROVE TO US THAT HE WOULDN'T FAIL
HE EVEN WENT AND SPENT TIME IN JAIL.

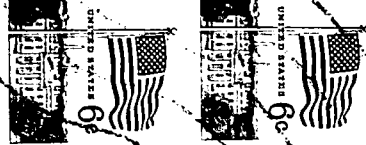
HIS FAMOUS WORDS OF "I HAVE A DREAM"
WILL REMAIN IN OUR HEARTS LIKE A WARM SUNBEAM
MY STORY OF DR. KING COULD GO ON AND ON
HE WAS THE GREATEST BLACK MAN AMERICA
HAS EVER KNOWN.

WE LOVED DR. KING WITH ALL OUR MIGHT
FOR HE TAUGHT AND SOUGHT WHAT WAS RIGHT
SAD TO SAY ON APRIL 4th IN A MEMPHIS TOWN
AN ASSASSIN'S BULLET CUT DR. KING DOWN.

ALTHOUGH OUR HEARTS ARE DEEPLY PAINED
DR. LUTHER KING DID NOT DIE IN VAIN
FROM THE EARTH TO THE HEAVENS ON HIGH
DR. KING'S WORDS WILL NEVER DIE
SO AS WE CONTINUE IN OUR EVERY SCHEME
WE WILL STRIVE TO FULFILL DR. KING'S DREAM.

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